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Outstanding Churchmen To Address Convention

The Southeast Convention has invited two of the outstanding persons of the United Church to attend and speak at its annual meeting.

The Rev. Edward A. Powers, who has been invited to deliver a major address on Saturday afternoon and the convention sermon on Sunday morning, is the general secretary of the Division of Christian Education of the Board for Home and Ministries of the United Church.

He directs the denomination's broad Christian education program which includes currently the introduction of a new church school curriculum. Another major project of the division headed by Mr. Powers is the enlistment and training of more than 2,000 volunteers as Christian Education "Associates".

Mr. Powers formerly was the national secretary of young people's work for the Congregational Christian Churches, a post which made him the top administrative officer of the church's 150,000 member Pilgrim Fellowship.

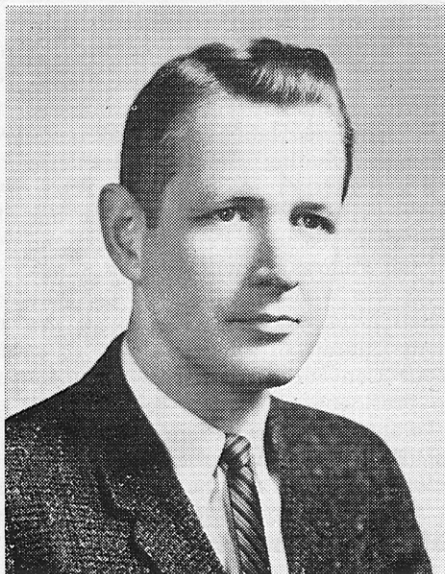
Dr. Donald C. Dearborn will speak to the convention concerning the work of the United Church and will address the joint banquet on the place and work of laity in the United Church.

Dr. Dearborn, who became president of Catawba College on March 1, 1963, has been related to the Evangelical and Reformed Church college, located in Salisbury, N. C., for twenty-eight years.

In 1935 he joined the faculty as an instructor in mathematics. He became registrar in 1940 and dean of the college in 1947.

Dr. Dearborn succeeds President A. R. Keppel, who is leaving Catawba to become the first executive director of the Piedmont University Center with offices in Winston-Salem, N. C.

He is married to the former Mary Omwake of Salisbury whose father, Dr. Howard R. Omwake, was president of Catawba College from 1931 to 1942. They have three children.



REV. EDWARD A. POWERS



REV. J. KERMIT HARRIS

Southeast Convention Annual Meeting Scheduled April 27-28 At Huntsville

The Southeast Convention will hold its eleventh annual sessions on Saturday and Sunday, April 27-28, 1963, in Huntsville, Alabama.

The new United Church in Huntsville, the Rev. W. Raymond Berry, pastor, will be the host church.

The Rev. J. Kermit Harris, pastor of the First CC Church, Columbus, Ga., is the moderator of the convention and will preside over the sessions which will begin at 10:30 a. m. (CST) on Saturday and conclude following the noon meal on Sunday.

Featured speakers for the two-day sessions will include Rev. Edward A. Powers, general secretary of the Division of Christian Education of the United Church, and Dr. Donald C. Dearborn, president of Catawba College, N. C., who will represent the Executive Council of the United Church.

On Saturday night a joint banquet will be held by the Women's Fellowship and the Churchmen's Fellowship. The two organizations will hold separ-

ate business sessions following the banquet. Dr. Dearborn has been invited to address the combined group at the banquet.

Miss Dora Brackin is the president of the Women's Fellowship and Rufus G. Obrecht of the Churchmen's Fellowship.

The Church Builders Club of the Southeast Convention will hold its annual meeting during the sessions. Fred D. Powell is the president.

Fraternal delegates have been invited from the Evangelical and Reformed churches in the area and from the Convention of the South, which is composed of the Negro Congregational Christian Churches in the total southeast area.

Reports will be heard from the committees and from the staff of the convention. Interesting workshops will be held during the afternoon on Saturday.

Information concerning the number of delegates and registration will be sent to the churches and ministers in the near future. Plan now to attend.

Lay Life And Work Council Holds Cleveland Meeting

The National Council for Lay Life and Work of the United Church of Christ met in Cleveland, Ohio, February 22, 23, and 24.

On the first evening, some 250 men and women gathered for dinner at Old Stone Church, followed by a worship service in the sanctuary. Dr. Allen O. Miller of Eden Theological Seminary led the service, using the Statement of Faith with appropriate hymns sung by a soloist and the congregation. Later, the group assembled in the Cleveland-Sheraton Hotel for study and discussion.

Friday morning was spent in trying to learn the meaning and methods of communicating. This session was conducted by Dr. Thomas J. VanLoon, Director of Staff Services, Division of Local Church, for the Methodist Church.

In the afternoon we discussed the new material, "Program Opportunities for Adults." This was done chiefly by a panel under the direction of the officers of the Council of Lay Life and Work, the Regional Secretaries, and Miss Helen Huntington Smith, Executive Secretary for the Council.

Dr. J. Earl Danieley, President of Elon College and Chairman of the Council for Lay Life and Work, presided at the Friday evening session, at which time several presentations were made: Mrs. Clair V. Rhodes spoke on "Ventures in Lay Life and Work", pointing up some of the "pilot" efforts already being done by some of our churches. Rev. Robbins Strong spoke concerning "Overseas Laymen". This, of course, dealt with impressions given by more than one million American lay people scattered throughout the world. Unfortunately, some of these impressions put the United States — and the Christian Church — in a bad light. Rev. Kenneth Kohler, Regional Secretary for the CLLW, spoke concerning "Leadership Opportunities", and Rev. William Slater explained plans for conference and regional meetings.

Sunday morning's sessions were largely given over to Regional, Conference, and Area meetings, with the closing period appropriately being an "Agape Feast".

Representing the Southeast Convention at these sessions were Mr. and Mrs. Rufus G. Obrecht of Chattanooga, Tenn., Miss Dora C. Brackin of Headland, Ala., and Rev. Emilie F. Pitcock.

Submitted by

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus G. Obrecht

Final Meeting Held By Fellowship Presidents

The final meeting of the National Women's Fellowship Presidents of the Congregational Christian Churches was held in Cleveland, Ohio, February 21 and 22. Three women attended from the Southeast Convention: Dora C. Brackin, president of our Convention Women's Fellowship; Mae Obrecht, president of the Kentucky-Tennessee Women's Fellowship; and Emilie Pitcock, minister of Christian Education. Representation to the Cleveland meeting was 100%, with delegations from all conferences, including Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

Services formerly performed for our Convention Women's Fellowship by the National Fellowship will now be handled by the Women's Committee of the Council for Lay Life and Work of the United Church of Christ.

Your Convention Women's Fellowship president expects to see at least one woman representative from each local Fellowship at the convention meeting, April 27 and 28.

Nat'l Churchmen's Board Sessions At Cleveland

A meeting of the National Churchmen's Fellowship Board of Directors was held on Friday afternoon, February 22, at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel.

Reports were given of the accomplishments since the September 1 and 2 meeting at St. Louis, and comments were made as to their reception. The requested handbook for the work of the Churchmen's Fellowship has been made a part of the "Program Opportunities for Adults", this latter having been prepared by the Council for Lay Life and Work.

Suggestions for a 1963 project were discussed, the most pressing one seeming to be the creation of a "Church World Service Station" in Honduras. It is hoped that the creation and implementation of this station can be accomplished for \$40,000 and that funds can be raised within the "Family Thank Offering" this year. This is to be a combined men's and women's project.

New Covenants have been prepared for those local Fellowships wishing to use them, and a brochure has been prepared to help men who wish to establish a new local Fellowship.

It was suggested that standards or guidelines should be formulated for the use of those organizations which are

One Great Hour Of Sharing Success Hinges On Churches

The churches of the Southeast Convention are strongly urged to join with the churches of the other major denominations in the observance of the One Great Hour of Sharing on Sunday, March 24.

Through the One Great Hour of Sharing ministries of mercy are carried on throughout the world without question of race or creed. It is distressing to know that in this year, 1963, millions of people face the stark inevitability of hunger, exposure, the helplessness of dispossession.

Two-thirds of the world's population suffer from hunger, poverty, illness, and displaced masses of mankind are homeless, hopeless and forgotten, largely because of man's uncontrolled greed and pride. The gleaming vision of the few is dreadfully overbalanced by the hopelessness and despair of the many.

In 1962 the United Church, through One Great Hour of Sharing, supplied Church World Service with over \$720,000.00 to help administer relief and rehabilitation, in Christ's name, to multitudes of people in many lands. We look in 1963 for an even more generous response.

We have faith that as the United Church grows in strength and confidence, so also grows its concern for those in need. This year the total for the United Church should exceed \$800,000.00.

1963 marks the 15th anniversary of the One Great Hour of Sharing program. This seems an appropriate time for the churches of the Southeast Convention to give enthusiastic support to the effort. It is well said — "If you care, you share."

sponsoring or conducting educational courses for the benefit or use of the laity, such as preaching and ministry. It was felt that this should be brought to the attention of and referred to the Council for Lay Life and Work. A further suggestion was that the word "ordination" should mean "set in the midst of" rather than "set apart from".

The problem of maintaining communication with our "Service Men" and "College Students" in overseas lands was discussed. It was suggested that through the Council for Lay Life and Work some program should be developed to keep in touch with these people.

Contributed by Rufus G. Obrecht

Two New Filmstrips Ready For Showing

Two new filmstrips, dealing with the ministry of Church World Service, have been added to the Southeast Convention library and are available for use for the price of return postage.

ONE TRAVELER is an eighty-four frame color filmstrip with 33 1/3 r. p. m. record; showing time 18 minutes. Produced by the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, ONE TRAVELER has a four-fold purpose: to show dramatically human need in the underdeveloped areas of the world; to show the deeper need of self respect which results from independence and self-support; to show the churches' worldwide program of sending relief supplies, equipment and raw materials for self-help projects; to leave the viewer with a feeling of his own need to be a part of this ministry. The filmstrip's strength lies in its double emphasis: one, that the one who ministers to human need in far-away places and the one who supports the effort on the home front are one — in Christ, and two, that it is essential that people are helped to respect themselves through enabling them ultimately to be self-supporting.

Designed for use with people of junior age through adult, ONE TRAVELER underlines the effectiveness of many denominations sharing a common ministry on behalf of the needy peoples of the earth.

MORE THAN WARMTH is a seventy-nine frame color filmstrip with 33 1/3 r. p. m. record; showing time, 15 1/2 minutes. Produced by the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches, the filmstrip seeks to dramatize the efforts of the United Clothing Appeal in local churches and communities, to explain what happens to contributions after they leave the local church and before they reach overseas destinations, and to describe the operations of the Church World Service Clothing Centers. Use of MORE THAN WARMTH is manifold: as a tool to encourage wider participation in the United Clothing Appeal; to show to women's, men's, young adult, family and youth groups within the local church; to show to Councils of churches, ministerial associations, United Church Women, or other interdenominational groups. We suggest that United Clothing Appeal literature be



L to R: H. P. Beaird, Rev. Jimmy J. Norred, and Rev. John D. Schofield.

Service Of Ordination Rev. Jimmy J. Norred

The Reverend Jimmy J. Norred, pastor of the Antioch and Forest Home Congregational Christian Churches, Roanoke, Alabama, was ordained to the ministry of the United Church in services held at the Antioch Church on Sunday, February 10.

An Ecclesiastical Council called by the authorization of the East Alabama Association met at 2:30 p. m. to examine the candidate and to hear him present a statement concerning his background, his faith, and his religious experience. The members of the council voted unanimously to proceed with the service of ordination.

The Reverend John D. Schofield, moderator of the East Alabama Association, presided over the council and conducted the service of worship. The ordination sermon was delivered by Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr., superintendent of the Southeast Convention of Congregational Christian Churches.

Participating in the service were Rev. Thombs H. Kay, professor of Religion, LaGrange College, LaGrange, Ga., Rev. Warner Noles, Phenix City, Rev. Olin E. Sheppard, chairman of the Committee on the Ministry of the Association, Rev. L. Floyd Carmack, LaGrange, Ga., Rev. George W. Stowe, Langdale, and Mr. H. P. Beaird, secretary of the East Association.

Following the service a reception was held in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Norred by the ladies of the church.

Mr. Norred is a graduate of LaGrange College. He was formerly a licentiate of the association.

used with the filmstrip. Additional information may be secured from Church World Service, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y.

Supreme Court Action Upholds United Church

The U. S. Supreme Court has refused to review a case aimed at invalidating the union of Congregational Christian churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church in the United Church of Christ, it was learned here today.

Four Congregational churches—First of Burlington, Iowa; First of Pontiac, Mich.; First of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, and Mayfair of Toledo, Ohio — and nine individuals had sought review of Judge Edward J. Dimock's dismissal of their complaint in U. S. District Court, Southern District of New York, June 15, 1961.

Judge Dimock's judgment was also upheld by the Second U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals on August 1, 1962.

The suit originally filed June 20, 1957, was dismissed by Judge Dimock on the grounds that the claims of the plaintiffs had been fully adjudicated by the state courts of New York in a suit begun in 1949 by the Cadman Memorial Church of Brooklyn, N. Y.

In their petition to the U. S. Supreme Court, the plaintiffs asserted that their legal interests and those of other Congregational Christian churches which have not joined the United Church of Christ have been denied "without due process of law." They claim a financial interest in the various corporations and bodies of the denomination.

The plaintiffs can still seek a rehearing of their petition by the Supreme Court.

"The United Church Of Christ"

Copies of the book, "The United Church of Christ" by Dr. Douglas Horton, former minister and executive secretary of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, are available on a "loan" basis from the convention office. Readers who would like to borrow a copy are invited to write to the convention office.

Dr. Horton's book is both a history of and a description of the United Church. It is a helpful introduction to the "why and how" of the United Church.

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Superintendent's Corner

The list of churches of the Southeast Convention with their comparative giving to Our Christian World Mission for the years 1961 and 1962 is carried on this page.

These figures include both the OCWM contributions sent to the convention office and those sent directly to the national boards and agencies. They do not include contributions to the Christian Higher Education Fund.

Of the 113 churches listed, two are officially designated as inactive, leaving 111 active churches. The following statistics hold for these 111 churches:

- 73 churches contributed to OCWM
- 38 churches made no contributions
- 32 churches increased their giving
- 33 churches gave less
- 46 churches remain the same
- 33 churches gave nothing in 1961 or in 1962
- 3 churches contributed in 1961 but not in 1962
- 2 churches that did not contribute in 1961 did in 1962

The total amount contributed to Our Christian World Mission in 1962 represented an increase of \$577.00 over 1961. However, the subsidy from the Board of Homeland Ministries decreased by \$2000.00. As a result, for the first time in several years the convention operated on a deficit for the year. Only the fact that we had accumulated a small reserve in recent years made it possible for us to meet our obligations in 1962.

Now 1963 is before us. We must and we can, increase our OCWM support. The Program of Progress of the Convention depends on it. The work of our denomination around the world depends on it. How about your church — will it do its share in 1963?

Our Christian World Mission Receipts 1962

CHURCH	1961	1962	CHURCH	1961	1962
Alabama			Wedowee, Cavers Grove	0	0
Alex City, Antioch	\$ 0	\$ 0	Wedowee, Noon Day	120	125
Alex City, Hunt	0	0			
Andalusia, Antioch	105	0	Florida		
Andalusia, Coldwater	0	0	Baker, Good Hope	0	0
Andalusia, First	161	108	Baker, Pyrons Ch.	50	0
Andalusia, New Home	0	0	Bonifay, New Effort	165	180
Arley, Robertsons Ch.	31	30	Crestview, Dorcas	0	0
Ashland, Bethel	0	0			
Birmingham, Pilgrim	1,386	1,228	Georgia		
Brantley, Indian Creek	10	10	Ambrose, Christian	10	20
Brantley, Liberty	24	24	Atlanta, Center	180	300
Caddo, First	108	108	Atlanta, Central	4,988	5,255
Clio, New Hope	310	150	Barnesville, Fredonia	529	405
Cragford, Mt. Carmel	0	0	Baxley, Friendship	0	0
Dadeville, Elder	89	104	Bowman, Liberty	48	0
Daviston McG. Ch.	0	0	Braselton, Macedonia	46	61
Delta, Wesleys Ch.	0	0	Bristol, Antioch	0	0
East Tallassee	491	463	Buford, Duncans Cr.	47	0
Eclectic, Watsons Ch.	0	0	Columbus, First	300	360
Five Points, St. Line	0	0	Columbus, United	240	195
Garden City	210	200	Crest, Hebron	0	0
Goodwater, Oak Hill	0	0	Demorest, Fed.	660	519
Hackleburg, Fairview	60	60	Doerun, New Light	0	0
Haleyville, Union Grove	90	72	Doerun, Poplar Arbor	0	0
Hanceville, Mt. Grove	31	35	Douglas, First	30	20
Headland, Blackwood	325	236	Enigma, Christian	0	0
Houston, Liberty Hill	0	0	Gaillard, Pl. Hill	36	25
Huntsville, United	219	302	Hampton, Ct. Line	60	60
LaFayette, Pl. Grove	180	180	LaGrange, Hillside	32	132
Lanett, Cong. Chr.	4,063	4,096	LaGrange, United	1,346	901
Lanett, Huguley	100	30	Meansville, First	110	50
Langdale	1,799	1,949	Meansville, Liberty (Inactive)		
Lineville, Dingers Ch.	0	0	Oxford, Sardis	120	120
Lineville, New Harmony	30	25	Pearson, Union Hill	208	208
Lineville, Shady Grove	0	0	Pine Mt., Oak Grove	460	700
Lineville, Spring Hill	0	0	Richland, First	90	30
Midland City, Ch. Hill	48	48	Richland, Prov. Ch.	0	0
Montgomery, United	52	90	Tifton, First (Inactive)		
Moulton, Jones Ch.	0	0	Tifton, Vanceville	0	0
Mt. Creek, Union	70	50	Waycross, Wms. Ch.	15	188
Phenix City, First	40	70	West Point, Bethel	83	297
Phenix City, Russ. Woods	129	70	Woodbury, Jones Ch.	0	35
Pisgah	0	10			
Roanoke, Antioch	151	140	Kentucky		
Roanoke, Bethany	50	50	Evarts, First	629	1,235
Roanoke, First	360	150	Stearns, Comm.	0	0
Roanoke, Forest Home	86	80			
Roanoke, Lowell	350	475	South Carolina		
Roanoke, Mt. Zion	0	0	Charleston, Circular	1,051	1,020
Roanoke, New Hope	120	120			
Roanoke, Rock Spring	0	0	Tennessee		
Roanoke, Rock Stand	100	0	Chattanooga, Pilgrim	4,004	3,936
Seman, Gilead (Inactive)			Crossville, First	592	859
Seman, Community	25	20	Daisy, First	259	382
Shawmut, Todd	82	120	Deer Lodge	123	165
Steele, Mt. Lebanon	0	36	Glen Mary	100	98
Tallassee, Mt. Olive	85	120	Knoxville, First	300	385
Town Creek, Liberty	0	0	Nashville, Brookmeade	700	700
Wadley, Beulah	0	0	Pleasant Hill	1,110	1,203
Wadley, Christian	555	599	Robbins, Barton Ch.	88	123
Wadley, Corinth	50	35	Soddy, First	100	100
			(Church Undesignated)	1,886	1,582
			TOTAL	33,090	33,667

People . . .

Churches . . .

Events . . .



HERE AND THERE

Women's Fellowship Board Meets

Pictured above are some of the officers and chairmen of the Women's Fellowship of the Southeast Convention who met in Atlanta on March 2-3 to plan for the Spring Rallies and the total program for the year. Meeting with the ladies was Mrs. F. C. Lester, Southern Regional Secretary for the Council for Lay Life and Work. Miss Dora C. Brackin is president of the Women's Fellowship.

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Reverend A. Ray Meserve

Readers of the Southeast News will be concerned to learn that Rev. A. Ray Meserve, minister of First Church, Knoxville, Tenn., suffered a serious heart attack on February 28. When the News went to press his condition had improved and recovery, following an extended period of convalescence, was expected.

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James D. Hoskins Lectures

The James D. Hoskins Memorial Lectures Committee of Knoxville, Tenn., presented its third annual lecture series on January 29, 30, and 31, 1963, with Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, internationally known theologian and lecturer, as the speaker.

The Lectures Committee is sponsored by the First Congregational Church of Knoxville. Rev. A. Ray Meserve is pastor.

The late Dr. Hoskins was president and president emeritus of the University of Tennessee. He was an active member of First Congregational Church during its formative years.

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Minister's Convocation

The annual spring convention for the ministers of the Southeast Convention will be held Tuesday-Thursday, May 14-16, at Southern Union College. Rev. Walter Dobler, of the Division of Christian Education, will be the national re-

LaGrange Church Reports Variety Of Activities

Work will soon begin on the windows in the sanctuary of the United Congregational Church in LaGrange, Ga. The old windows will be replaced with new colored cathedral glass. This is a project of the Women's Fellowship, for which we are very proud.

The church has started a "Church Library" for the young people, with books being donated. We hope our young people will enjoy and get a lot of good out of this.

We welcome into our church six new members: Mrs. Derwood Brumbeloe and sons, Joel and Neil Brumbeloe, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Keeble and daughter, Miss Jennifer Keeble.

The choir has obtained new collars for their robes, which are very becoming and add beauty to our church.

The Rev. Jimmy Norred, who was ordained into the ministry at Antioch Congregational Christian Church, Roanoke, Alabama, on Feb. 10, 1963, preached the evening service in the absence of our pastor, Rev. Floyd Carmack, who attended a "Christian Education Workshop" in Avon Park, Fla.

The Sixty-Plus Club, non-denominational club for persons 60 and over, was entertained at a Valentine party in Fellowship Hall of United Congregational Christian Church. After a short business session, plans were made for the club to visit Bellingrath Gardens in Mobile, Alabama, in May. The hall was decorated in the Valentine motif and music was furnished by a hillbilly band. The group sang hymns and distributed Valentines, after which refreshments were served. We hope this club will continue to grow. It has meant much to our elder people.

Mrs. Ernest Lipham
Church Reporter

source leader. Ministers are urged to plan now to attend.

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Rev. Joseph L. Moulton

The many people of the convention who remember with affection Rev. Joseph L. Moulton, the missionary speaker for the association meetings in 1961, will learn with interest that he is now in India on a 6 months visa participating in the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the American Board in India.

Daisy Guild Celebrates Forty-First Anniversary

The Ladies' Guild of the Daisy Congregational Church celebrated its 41st anniversary with a dinner at the Dinner Party Restaurant in Red Bank.

The missionary theme of the year. "On the Rim of East Asia," was carried out with place mats, napkins, and decorations. Chopsticks were added attractions as favors.

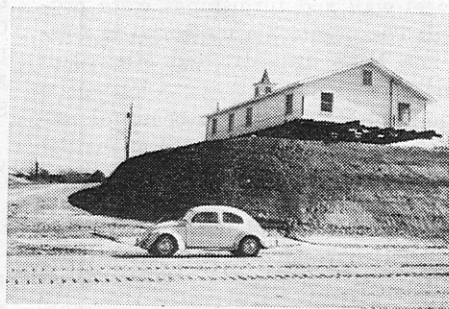
In charge of the program, which included information on our ministries in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Okinawa, and Korea, were Mesdames Claude Pendergrass and Robert Miller. Others taking part were Mesdames R. C. Webb, Paul Lewis, and James Sanders. Mrs. Pendergrass and Mrs. Miller were dressed in costumes from Japan.

Those present were: Mesdames Harry Phelps, Eugene Frazier, Paul Lewis, Claude Pendergrass, Myrtle Yarnell, Charles Dodd, Tommy Hale, Georgia Lewis, Mildred Burke, Raymond Ashley, James Sanders, Leo Cramer, R. C. Webb, Earl Rogers, Herman Yarnell, Wyatt Sanders, and E. F. West; Miss Ora Smith, Miss Kay Rogers, and Miss Doris Rogers. Visitors present were: Mrs. Arthur Allison, Mrs. Margie Sunstrum, Mrs. Robert Freeman, and Mrs. J. W. Davenport.

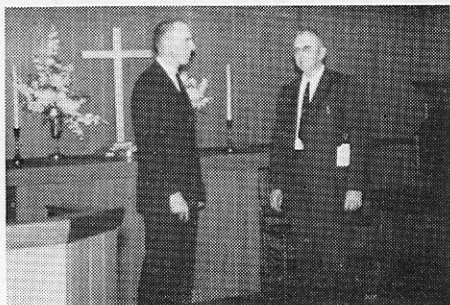
Mrs. R. C. Webb was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Paul Lewis
Publicity Chairman

Have Church — Will Travel



Pictured above is the former building used by the Russell Woods Congregational Christian Church. The building is being moved to make way for a new expressway. The new church is located several blocks away.



L to R: Mr. Scott Morris and Rev. W. C. Carpenter at Poplar Arbor dedication.

Poplar Arbor Church Dedication Service

In January of 1952 a tornado swept through Colquitt County in Georgia and completely demolished the building of the Poplar Arbor Congregational Christian Church, which is located near Doerun.

Through the efforts of the small but dedicated congregation and through the generosity of friends from the surrounding communities a new brick structure was erected. Because of lack of finances the interior of the building was not completed according to the plans provided.

However, the congregation did not give up hope. On Sunday, March 3, 1963, their hopes were realized with the Service of Dedication of the new chancel, chancel appointments, an Estey Reed Organ, and hymnals.

Through the generosity of Mr. Robert L. Moss and family and in memory of Mamie Lee Barnwell Moss, the new chancel wall and furnishings were provided. The organ is a memorial to Bessie Lee Moss by Mr. and Mrs. Scott Morris Jr.

The sanctuary is now a beautiful setting for worship. Additional plans for improvement of the building are in process.

Mr. Scott Morris, interim pastor of the church, presided at the service. The sermon was delivered by Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr. Former pastors participating in the service included Rev. Tommy L. Richter, Rev. Warner C. Carpenter, and Rev. Gene Vinson. Mrs. J. F. Haddan, widow of Rev. J. F. Haddan, founder of the church, was present.

Pilgrim Fellowship Annual Meeting, March 30-31, Waycross, Georgia

The Annual Meeting of the Southeast Convention Pilgrim Fellowship will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 30 and 31, at Williams Chapel, Waycross, Ga.

The activities will begin with registration at 8:30 on Saturday morning, to be followed by group singing at 10:00, led by Nancy Dingler and Beth Burnham.

The annual sessions will be called to order at 10:30 by the president, Wray Allen, who will preside over the meeting. The opening worship service will be conducted by Pat Brackin, Faith Commission Chairman for the convention Pilgrim Fellowship.

The keynote address will be given by Rev. Karlton C. Johnson, newly appointed secretary for the Southern Region Office of the Stewardship Council of the United Church.

For 20 years Mr. Johnson had a varied and colorful career in South Africa, at first as assistant general secretary of the South African National Sunday School Association and later as executive secretary of the Johannesburg Sunday School Union.

Mr. Johnson has served both as a pastor and a teacher. More recently he was Minister of Stewardship and Missions for the New York State Congregational Christian Conference.

The sermon for the Sunday Morning Worship Service will be delivered by Rev. Annie R. Campbell. Miss Campbell is now the pastor of the Robbins, Glen Mary and Deer Lodge Churches in Tennessee, but formerly served as Minister of Christian Education for the Southeast Convention.

On Saturday afternoon the following workshops will be held:

CHRISTIAN FAITH — Pat Brackin and Tommie Gail Moore, leaders

CHRISTIAN WITNESS — Nancy Dingler and Rev. Billy Robinson, leaders

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH — Dennis Adkins and Terry Courson, leaders

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP — Martin Brown and Wray Allen, leaders

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP — Beth Burnham and Linda Williams, leaders



REV. KARLTON C. JOHNSON

There will also be a workshop for adult advisors in attendance at the meeting.

The Rev. Ralph M. Worley is the pastor of the host church, Williams Chapel, which is entertaining the annual meeting of the young people.

The theme for the meeting is "Serving the World through Christ." The conference hymn is "Give of Your Best to the Master."

The 1962-63 Pilgrim Fellowship officers are:

President: Wray Allen, Lanett, Ala.

Vice-President: David Snively, Pleasant Hill, Tenn.

Recording Secretary: Beth Burnham, LaGrange, Ga.

Corresponding Secretary: Tommie Gail Moore, Shawmut, Ala.

Treasurer: Bryant Stokes, Phenix City, Ala.

Faith Commission Chairman: Pat Brackin, Headland, Ala.

Fellowship Commission Chairman: Martin Brown, Atlanta, Ga.

Action Commission Chairman: Dennis Adkins, Deer Lodge, Tenn.

An optional trip to the Okefenokee Swamp Park and the annual banquet, to be held at the Ware County High School, will conclude Saturday's events.

Local fellowships are reminded to send their dues of 50c per member to the treasurer, Bryant Stokes, 1425 Railroad St., Phenix City, Ala.